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SUBJ: FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON, MARCH 20-23;
SCHEDULE OF TRAVEL AND GENERAL INFORMATION

1. FAO DIRECTOR-GENERAL EDOUARD SAOUMA, WHO HAD RETURNED TO WORK IN ROME FEBRUARY 28 AFTER BRIEF PERSONAL LEAVE WITH HIS FAMILY IN BEIRUT, CALLED IN THE U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO FAO WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MARCH 2 TO DISCUSS HIS VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES.

2. HIS SCHEDULE OF TRAVEL IS AS FOLLOWS. HE DEPARTS ROME MARCH 11 TO VISIT COLOMBIA, HIS WIFE'S NATIVE COUNTRY, AT PRESIDENTIAL INVITATION. HE WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON SOMETIME MARCH 20, FLIGHT DEPENDING UPON WHETHER MEXICAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ PORTILLO WISHES TO SEE HIM AND WHETHER HE CUTS HIS VISIT TO COLOMBIA SHORT TO ACCOMMODATE A MEXICAN VISIT. IN WASHINGTON HE WILL STAY IN THE MADISON HOTEL. HE WILL REMAIN IN WASHINGTON UNTIL NOON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, WITH HIS SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS BEING ARRANGED BY DON KIMMEL OF THE FAO LIAISON OFFICE IN WASHINGTON WITH U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES. HE WILL SEE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM IN NEW YORK AFTERNOON WEDNESDAY, AND PROCEED TO OTTAWA IN THE EVENING. HE WILL DEPART OTTAWA FRIDAY AFTERNOON TO TAKE
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FLIGHT FROM MONTREAL ARRIVING IN ROME SATURDAY MARCH 26.

3. FAO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR PROGRAM AND BUDGET EDWARD WEST WILL PRECEDE SOUMA, ARRIVING IN WASHINGTON MARCH 17, AND ACCOMPANYING HIM THROUGHOUT THE TRIP THEREAFTER. HE WILL SUPPORT SAOUMA IN DISCUSSIONS OF THE FAO PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET FOR 1978-1979, WHICH SAOUMA EXPECTS TO BE THE MAIN TOPIC

OF DISCUSSION, AND WEST WILL ALSO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS SUBJECT SEPARATELY. (SEE SEPTTEL).

4. PETER J. SKOUFIS, UNTIL RECENTLY DEPUTY INSPECTOR GENERAL OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WHO HAS BEEN APPOINTED FAO ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-GENERAL FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE EFFECTIVE MARCH 7, HAS BEEN ASKED NOT TO REPORT IN TO ROME ON MARCH 12 AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED, BUT TO REMAIN IN WASHINGTON INSTEAD UNTIL THE END OF SAOUMA'S VISIT. SAOUMA INTENDS TO ASK SKOUFIS TO ACCOMPANY HIM ON MANY OF HIS APPOINTMENTS AS AN EARNEST OF SAOUMA'S INTENTIONS TO STRENGTHEN AND MAINTAIN FINANCIAL CONTROLS IN FAO ACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

5. APPOINTMENTS LIST OF U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WAS DISCUSSED ONLY IN GENERAL TERMS. U.S. REPRESENTATIVE MENTIONED ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE (IO) MAYNES, ASSISTANT SECRETARY (EB) KATZZ, AND UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS COOPER. IN AGRICULTURE, HE MENTIONED ASSISTANT SECRETARY DALE HATHAWAY AND DAVID HUME OF FAS. FOR AID, ONLY DR. PHILIP BIRNBAUM WAS MENTIONED WHOM SAOUMA KNOWS WELL. IN NEW YORK, HE SUGGESTED A POSSIBLE CALL ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG. (AMBASSADOR AL-SUDEARY OF SAUDI ARABIA, CHAIRMAN OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, FOLLOWED SUCH ADVICE IN HIS RECENT VISIT TO NEW YORK AND REQUESTED AN APPOINTMENT THROUGH THE SAUDI ARABIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS, BUT AMBASSADOR YOUNG WAS AWAY AT THE TIME ON HIS AFRICAN TRIP.) U.S. REPRESENTATIVE DID NOT GO INTO ANY FURTHER DETAIL OR TRY TO UNDERTAKE ANY SCHEDULING, LEST THIS CONFUSE THE EXISTING SINGLE CHANNEL FOR ARRANGEMENTS -- DON KIMMEL OF THE FAO LIAISON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OFFICE IN WASHINGTON AND CHARLES WEITZ OF THE FAO LIAISON OFFICE AT UN HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK, WORKING WITH U.S. AND OTHER OFFICIALS. WE WOULD APPRECIATE HOWEVER A SCHEDULE OF SAOUMA'S U.S. GOVERNMENT APPOINTMENTS WHEN IT IS FIRMED UP. BEAUDRY

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